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This issue inaugurates the third volume of the Interim. We welcome those of you who are our new readers. We hope that those of you who have read us before welcome us back.

To kick things off, we should mention what we will try to accomplish with the newsletter. The Interim is designed to be a source of information for Montana Legislators regarding interim activities of the Legislature. We will gather in one place once each month a concise report of the activities of Interim Committees and other legislative organizations during the previous month. A calendar and announcements of meetings scheduled during the two months following publication is also included. The Interim is also used to inform you of administrative matters of interest to you. (A change in insurance benefits for which Legislators may be eligible would be an example.) We try to include anything that is important for you to know about what is happening in the Legislature.

To keep the newsletter as short and readable as possible, we do not include great detail in the reports. If you wish to know more about some topic, please write or call the Legislative agency involved. We are all here to serve you, and we want to hear from you.

If you have any comments about this newsletter, please let us know. The Interim is edited by Bob Person, Research Director, Legislative Council.

The Interim will be published so as to arrive on or about the first Monday of each month.

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INTERIM COMMITTEES

PRIORITIES SET The poll of the Legislature following the session established the following priorities among the 24 Joint Resolutions requesting interim studies:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Resolution Number</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1.	HJR 56	Highway Department and Commission
2.	SJR 2	Judicial Districts
3.	SJR 30	Delays in Criminal Appeals
4.	HJR 33	Transportation Industry
5.	HJR 34	Financing Public Education
6.	SJR 29	Youth in Need of Supervision
7.	HJR 48	Improvements in Economic Environment
8.	HJR 47	Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
9.	HJR 20	Department of Institutions
10.	HJR 66	Hard Rock Mining
11.	HJR 49	School Teacher Tenure
12.	HJR 27	Commercial Transportation
13.	HJR 64	Eminent Domain
14.	SJR 34	Licensing Laws for Care Facilities
15.	HJR 55	Motor Vehicle Liability Laws
16.	SJR 33	Insurance Laws
17.	HJR 51	Sunset of Environmental and Natural Resource Rules
18.	HJR 65	Mitigation of Economic Distress
19.	SJR 25	School District Funding of Pension Plans
20.	SJR 36	Public Officials' Code of Ethics
21.	SJR 13	Public School Transportation Needs
22.	HJR 25	Child Labor Laws
23.	HJR 63	State Procurement System
24.	HJR 67	Airport Safety

STUDIES DESIGNATED

The Legislative Council met May 8 to designate the studies to be conducted and the committees from which the subcommittees are to be chosen. Senate members for the subcommittees are to be selected by the Committee on Committees the day after this issue is mailed. The House members will also be selected soon by the Speaker. A list of committees designated by the Council is included below. In addition to the studies listed, the Council requested that the Legislative Finance Committee conduct the study of the financing of public education rated priority 5 and that the Environmental Quality Council conduct the study of the ways to mitigate the effects of hard rock mineral development rated priority 10. The Council will await the outcome of these requests and may then designate further interim work to be done.

INTERIM
SUBCOMMITTEES
LIST

Joint Subcommittee on Highways

Senate Highways & Transportation; State Administration;
Finance and Claims

House Local Government & Transportation; State
Administration; Appropriations

HJR 56 Administration and Operation of the
Department of Highways and the Highway Commission.

Joint Subcommittee on Judiciary

Senate Judiciary; Local Government

House Judiciary; Local Government & Transportation

SJR 2 Montana's Judicial Districts

SJR 30 Delays in Administration of Criminal Appeals

Joint Subcommittee on Transportation

Senate Highways & Transportation; Business & Industry

House Local Government & Transportation; Business &
Labor

HJR 33 and HJR 27 Transportation Industry in
Montana

Joint Subcommittee on Human Services

Senate Public Health, Welfare, and Safety; Judiciary

House Education & Human Services; Judiciary

SJR 29 Problems of Youth in Need of Supervision

HJR 20 Department of Institutions and Delivery
of Services

Joint Subcommittee on Business

Senate Business & Industry; Agriculture, Livestock,
and Irrigation; Natural Resources; Taxation

House Business & Labor; Agriculture & Natural
Resources; Taxation

HJR 48 How to improve the economic environment
in Montana

Joint Subcommittee on Fish and Game

Senate Fish and Game; Finance and Claims; State Administration

House Agriculture and Natural Resources; State Administration; Appropriations

HJR 47 Administration of the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

CSG
DELEGATES
APPOINTED

ANNUAL
MEETING
DATE

The Legislative Council has appointed delegates to Council of State Governments committees. Most Committees plan to meet in June and then again at the Western Conference meeting. The Western Conference is scheduled for August 23 through 27 in Reno, Nevada. This year, no alternate has been designated. Each member should try to attend all sessions of the committee to which appointed.

Executive Committee

Sen. Pat M. Goodover

Rep. Robert L. Marks

Public Lands Committee

Sen. Mark Etchart

Rep. Aubyn A. Curtiss

Water Policy

Sen. Jack E. Galt

Rep. Rex Manuel

Energy & Minerals Development Committee

Sen. Steve Brown

Rep. Dennis Iverson

Energy Conservation & Renewable Resources Committee

Sen. Harold L. Dover

Rep. John Vincent

Transportation Committee

Sen. Carroll Graham

Rep. Kerry Keyser

Hazardous Materials & Waste Management Committee

Sen. Thomas F. Keating

Rep. Earl C. Lory

Corrections Committee

Sen. Allen C. Kolstad

Rep. William Menahan

International Trade Committee
Sen. Jan Johnson
Rep. David O'Hara

CSG Governing Board
Sen. Pat M. Goodover
Rep. Robert L. Marks

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES

NCSL DELEGATES APPOINTED

MEETING

As with the CSG, the Legislative Council has designated delegates to a number of NSCL committees. These appointments are listed below. NCSL meetings are held throughout the year. The Annual Meeting this year is set for July 27 through 31 in Atlanta, Georgia. Delegates planning to attend the annual meeting should try to make plans as early as possible to get the best possible fare. The cost to fly to Atlanta from Montana is staggering. The NCSL travel budget can stand only so much strain! In fact, if all delegates were to attend without economizing, the entire biennial budget could be exhausted by this annual meeting alone.

Fiscal Affairs and Oversight Committee
Sen. Paul F. Boylan
Rep. Kenneth Nordtvedt

Legislative Management Committee
Diana S. Dowling, Staff member
Sen. Bill Thomas
Rep. Robert L. Marks

Education Committee
Sen. H. W. Hammond
Rep. Esther G. Bengtson

Energy Committee
Sen. Thomas E. Towe
Rep. Joe Quilici

Government Operations Committee
Sen. Jack Haffey
Rep. Chuck Cozzens

Human Resources Committee
Sen. Judy Jacobson
Rep. Calvin Winslow

Law and Justice Committee
Sen. Jesse O'Hara
Rep. Michael H. Keedy

Natural Resources and the Environment Committee
Sen. Gary Lee
Rep. Gay Holliday

Rural Development Committee
Sen. Max Conover
Rep. Ted Neuman

Transportation Committee
Sen. Pat M. Goodover
Rep. Glenn E. Jacobsen

NCSL/CSG DELEGATE REPORTS

REPORTS REQUESTED

NCSL and CSG delegates are requested to send reports of business transacted at meetings of their committees to the INTERIM. We will publish what we can of the reports you send. This should be an ideal way for you to share the results of your work with your colleagues. Try to keep the report concise.

DIRECTORY OF INTERIM COMMITTEES

INTERIM DIRECTORY AVAILABLE IN JUNE

As soon as the members of the interim subcommittees have been appointed, the Legislative Council will publish a Directory of Interim Committees. This publication will be provided to all members of the Legislature and will tell what the committees are, what they are to do, what their authority is, and who the members are, and who the staff contact is. Watch for this publication and plan to keep it handy.

SESSION WRAP UP

GOVERNOR FINISHES SIGNING BILLS

The final bill signed by the Governor was delivered to the Secretary of State on May 21, making a total of 617 chapters (compared to 713 chapters in 1979). This figure does not include appropriation bills or resolutions.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW TO BE PUBLISHED SOON

The Legislative Review, which gives a summary of each bill passed and contains an updated index, is scheduled to go to the printer on June 9. A Review will be mailed to each Code Subscriber and to each Legislator as soon as they arrive from the printer.

SESSION LAWS	<u>Session Laws.</u> The Session Laws should be available for distribution in July. The cost is not yet known.
MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED	<u>Code.</u> The Montana Code Annotated (statute text) will be printed by a Dubuque, Iowa firm. It will consist of 10 volumes rather than 16 as in 1979. Legislative Council staff are working to prepare amendment notes and other compiler's comments early enough that the Code can be published before October 1, the automatic effective date of the laws. The date was changed from July 1. However, it should be noted that there were 190 bills passed with special effective dates - many of them upon passage and approval. The <u>Legislative Review</u> will contain a list of bills with <u>special effective dates.</u>
PRE-OCTOBER 1 PUBLICATION ANTICIPATED	
190 BILLS WITH SPECIAL EFFECTIVE DATES	

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS SINCE JANUARY REVIEWED	The Committee met three times during the 47th Legislative Session and reviewed a total of approximately 80 notices of rulemaking action filed with the Secretary of State since January 1, 1981. At these meetings, the Committee heard a request by the League of Cities and Towns for an economic impact statement on certain rules proposed by the Public Service Commission. The Committee also requested the Department of Lands to reconsider a proposal to adopt rules regulating the leasing of cabin sites on state lands. At future meetings, in addition to the continuing review of administrative rules proposed by executive agencies, the Committee will be discussing proposals for new legislation regarding administrative rulemaking and studying those areas of the law mandating implementation by administrative rules.
FUTURE PLANS	
MAILING LISTS	Legislators or their constituents wishing to receive regular notice of Committee meetings may contact the Legislative Council staff offices and request to be put on the Committee's list of interested persons. The Committee has tentative plans to meet next in mid June.

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

MEETING	The Legislative Audit Committee will meet on June 15, 1981 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 135 of the Capitol.
REPORTS TO BE ISSUED	The Committee will review financial/compliance audit reports of the Office of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Montana Historical Society, Montana Veterans' Home, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, and the Board of Public Education.

CONTRACT
AUDITS

The Committee will review the bids received for contract audits and select firms. The Legislative Branch audit will be contracted at that time.

REPORTS
AVAILABLE

Copies of all reports are available from the Office of the Legislative Auditor, Room 135, State Capitol; telephone 449-3122.

LEGISLATIVE INTERIM CALENDAR

JUNE

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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7	8	9	10	11 CSG Executive Committee CSG International Trade CSG Energy Mineral Development CSG Water Policy CSG Energy Conservation & Renewable Resources All to be held in Sacramento	12 June 11-13 June 11-13 June 11-13 June 11-13 June 11-13	13	
14	15 LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE PM. 1:35 - 9:00am ----- ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL (tentative)	16	17	18	19 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL Room 139 10:00 a.m.	20	
21	22	23	24 LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE Room 104 10:00 a.m.	25	26 CSG Public Lands Committee CSG Corrections Committee both in Boise	27 June 26 & 27	
28	29 CSG Transportation Committee CSG Hazardous Waste Committee both in Sun Valley June 28-30	30					

MEETINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LEGISLATIVE INTERIM CALENDAR

JULY

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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